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Good nonfiction

Philosophy and religion

Bible of the world; ed. by R. O. Ballou and others. Viking Press $5 **290**

In making, for this important volume, a selection from the scriptures of eight great religions (Brahmanism, Mohammedanism, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Taoism) the editors have aimed to include what is essential to their understanding, to present their "great and enduring beauty" and to assist the reader in his "search for revelation of eternal truth." Informing notes in appendix. Bibliography. Glossary. Index.

Edman, Irwin. Candle in the dark. Viking Press $1.25 **172**

With a serenity born of historical-mindedness and with the detachment of scholarly contemplation, a philosopher discusses the causes of our present doubts and despairs and the ways in which we "can keep sane in a world gone mad," and reminds us that, while the darkness seems absolute, "men before us have forgotten that it hides the morning star."

Maritain, Jacques. A Christian look at the Jewish question. Longmans $1 **296**

This inspired, dynamic address, delivered in New York in 1938, is a rallying call to Christendom for the expression of love and charity to Jews. In conclusion, M. Maritain summarizes the tragic situation of Jews in various parts of Europe and suggests some possible remedies.

Sockman, R. W. Live for tomorrow. Macmillan $1.50 **248**

Conscious of the individual's needs and likewise fully aware of the wonder and problems of the world he lives in, Doctor Sockman stimulates his readers to better personal living in these brief and brilliant papers on courage, hope, love, happiness etc., all the more pointed and impressive because of their apt use of illustration.

Sociology, economics, political economy

†**Adams, Grace.** Workers on relief. Yale Univ. Press $3 **361.6**

Through the experiences of various types of individuals who have been helped by the W. P. A., the author presents readable and enlightening stories of the conditions under which they have worked and the effect the W. P. A. has had upon their morale and their lives. Taken into consideration also are the difficulties and inconsistencies of administration and the vast cost of this "gigantic corporation" as well as the question: "Is the W. P. A. primarily work or primarily relief?"

Federal Writers' Project. These are our lives. Univ. of North Carolina Press $2 **309.175**

The existence of the working classes in three states — North Carolina, Ten-

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

nessee and Georgia, is illumined as 35 typical workers on farms, in service occupations, mill villages and factories, and individuals on relief tell of their lives, their problems, their defeats and their aspirations.

†**Goslin, Omar, & Goslin,** *Mrs* **R. C.** Our town's business. Funk $3.50 **330**

Through the use of pictorial charts and simple, graphic language, the authors interpret and clarify "the intricate business of our economic life in terms of those things which we do day by day . . . Attention is focused upon Main Street, on the marketplace, on factories, on farmers, on stores, on services, on customers, on groups of workers."

†In a similar way, Mrs R. C. Goslin and Omar Goslin deal with the problems of production and consumption of commodities in *Don't kill the goose* (Harper $2.50 **330**). Responsibility for solving difficulties is placed on both producer and consumer, and a system of continuous intelligent planning is advocated.

Powdermaker, Hortense. After freedom. Viking Press $3 **325.26**

Interracial problems and the pattern of living among the Negroes in a cotton-growing community of Mississippi are studied by an anthropologist as she applies her research methods to a survey of economic conditions, attitudes toward sex relations, family life, religion, superstitions etc. The book is a valuable contribution to a better understanding of the southern Negro. Bibliographical references, appendixes, index.

†**Raushenbush, Stephen.** March of fascism. Yale Univ. Press $3 **335.6**

"The author analyzes the growth and nature of the fascist political philosophy in Germany, Italy and southeastern Europe, and shows how the conditions in which it grew are comparable to conditions even now existing in the United States. Index." *Book Review Digest,* November 1939.

Written "with a sobriety of style and an absence of vituperation which make his conclusions doubly telling and alarming." *T. R. Ybarra* in *N. Y. Times,* Nov. 5, 1939, p. 18.

†**Robertson, Archie.** The government at your service. Houghton $2.75 **353**

The services that the different branches of the Government offer for slight or no cost are grouped here under 16 headings, such as the American home, Public health, Towards workers' security, The farm government, Youth and education. This is an excellent handbook, summarizing the amazing range of government help in personal and public problems, from advice on cooking fish, making a garden, information on resorts and parks to inspection of meat, unemployment relief, and financial backing in renovating, buying or building a home. Selected bibliography, index.

†**Tyler, D. B.** Steam conquers the Atlantic. Appleton-Century $5 **387**

This narrative history of the displacing of the sailing ship by the steamship is distinguished both for its readability and its thorough use of primary source material. In following the progress of the steamship from 1815 to 1880 the author sketches the political, economic and social background, describes British and American rivalry and vivifies his story with a wealth of incident concerned with many personalities. Seventy illustrations. Appendixes, bibliography, index.

Science, natural and applied

†**Borth, Christy.** Pioneers of plenty. Bobbs $3 **660**

The modern research chemists' discoveries of how varied and invaluable products can be made from milk, corn, soy beans, cotton, coal etc. are glowingly described and evaluated by a journalist who feels the thrill of these inventions and whose keen interest extends also to the lives of the pioneers, who include William Jay Hale, Charles Holmes Herty, Leo Hendrik Baekeland, George Washington Carver and others.

†**Darling, F. F.** Wild country. Macmillan $2.75 **570**

A British field biologist's "scrapbook," in which the brief text beautifully complements the lovely photographs of flower, and cliff and wave, of gulls in flight, of deer and of baby seals. Whether he is writing of a wild,

gray lag-goose that became tamer than "an aunt's parrot" or of his stalk to within five feet of a huge Atlantic seal or of the scenery on an uninhabited island off the coast of Scotland, the author is constantly entertaining and informing. Note on photography with a miniature camera.

†Draper, A. L. & Lockwood, Marian. Story of astronomy. Dial Press $3 **523**

The authors, assistant curators at the Hayden Planetarium, have written for the novice an enlightening and, in its way, an exciting account of the advances made in man's knowledge of astronomy from earliest times until the present. Thus are discussed the moon, the sun, the sun's family of planets, comets and meteors, the solar system, the stars, star clusters, gaseous nebulae, the Milky Way galaxy, and other galaxies than ours. Photographs, many of which have not been published previously. Index.

†Harrison, G. R. Atoms in action. Morrow $3.50 **530**

Based on material given by the author in a series of Lowell lectures in 1938, and written at the instance of the American Institute of Physics, this authoritative narrative presents clear and simple explanations of the modern developments in physics and the way they are applied to industrial uses and daily life. There are chapters on miracles in the glass industry, on electrons' contributions to the comfort, safety and security of man, on air conditioning, the uses of the spectroscope etc. Photographs. Reading list. Index.

Holbrook, S. H. Iron brew. Macmillan $2.50 **672**

The evolution of the steel industry, since the first big deposits of iron were discovered 90 years ago, emphasizing the drama and excitement of iron mine range history as well as the exploits of individual men, both miners and "Barons," the rise of boom towns and labor troubles, with sufficient allusion to changes in mining methods and steel production. Bibliography. Index.

†McKenny, Margaret. Birds in the garden. Reynal $5 **598.2**

Informal yet informative volume for the person desiring to attract birds to his garden. Its various chapters discuss planting to provide food and cover, feeding devices, bird homes, water in the garden, sanctuaries and planting to attract waterfowl. There are comprehensive lists of plants to attract special birds in various sections of the country with descriptions of birds seen in the garden and the country place. Sixteen illustrations in full color and 32 pages of half tones. References. Index.

Mellen, I. M. Practical cat book for amateurs and professionals. Scribner $2.50 **636.8**

All owners and lovers of cats will find this book of special interest and value. Based on 24 years of personal study and experience and the experiences of other experts, it gives up-to-date information on breeds and breeding, gestation and parturition, care of the kitten and cat, food, tricks and games, cat photographs, diseases and parasites as well as institutions for the cat's service and protection. Many excellent photographs. A selected bibliography of reference books and articles, and of stories about cats for adults and children. Index.

Newill, *Mrs* **P. K.** Good food and how to cook it. Appleton-Century $2.50 **641.5**

A time-saving, general cook book planned for novices and containing more than 1200 recipes. Ingredients are listed and grouped by order of use, every step is specified, cooking time is given, and the numbering of each recipe facilitates the use of cross references and eliminates repetition. Another special feature is the large number of suggestions for leftovers. Index.

†Peattie, D. C. Flowering earth. Putnam $2.50 **580**

With beautiful clarity and poetic fervor, Peattie has written a fascinatingly illuminating book about plant life, and of "the range, the variety, the astonishment of the growing world." Strung on the chain of his own field work and leisure-time observations, the chapters flash like jewels in the sun, whether the subject is that "green old alchemist," chlorophyll, the moment of flowering in a plant or the sleep of the seed. Wood engravings by Paul Landacre. Informal bibliography. Index.

†Sanderson, I. T. Caribbean treasure. Viking Press $3 **591.98**

As a roving zoologist, the author of *Animal treasure* (1937 Viking Press $3) now penetrates with his bride and a friend into jungles, swamps, up rivers and into caves in Trinidad, Haiti and Dutch Guiana in the course of his insatiable scientific search for smaller animals. His record, always from the zoologist's viewpoint, opens a door of enchantment for the reader who shares in the thrill of discovery, in exciting or ludicrous predicaments and in the strangeness and beauty of the surroundings. Thirty-two drawings by the author. Map on end papers. Index.

Fine arts

Bonney, M. T. The Vatican. Houghton $3 **725**

Primarily a book of beautiful photographs of St Peter's, the pontifical palace, Vatican City, the Vatican library and Castel Gandolfo, it contains, also, brief explanatory comments on each picture. This, the first collection of photographs of the Vatican made by an American photographer, is of special interest to tourists in Italy and to Catholics the world over.

†Gregory, Tappan. Eyes in the night. Crowell $3.50 **799.28**

Hunting at night with the camera in order to photograph animals, from the mouse and weasel in his home woods to deer, moose and mountain lions roaming in the wilderness, has provided the author with enthralling entertainment which he shares with the reader in his text. One chapter deals with apparatus and 50 charming photographs offer proof of the possible rewards of this sport. Index.

Hoffman, Malvina. Sculpture inside and out. Norton $3.75 **730**

Out of her own experience and knowledge, Malvina Hoffman has written a book on sculpture of practical use to the student and valuable to anyone interested in the art of sculpture. She is concerned mainly with anatomy, drawing and modeling, carving, reliefs and medals, animals, plaster and terra cotta, enlarging and reducing, and bronze. Excellent illustrations of ancient and modern sculpture with explanatory charts and drawings of tools. Index.

†Jacobs, Lewis. Rise of the American film. Harcourt $4.50 **791.4**

Both a history and an appraisal of the American motion picture. Technical, esthetic and industrial problems and progress are followed from the beginnings, in 1896, together with its relations to contemporary social backgrounds and its effect upon the times. There are, also, critical estimates of leading actors, directors and others. Based on original research, it is both valuable and readable. Photographs. Bibliography. Indexes.

White, C. D. Camps and cottages; how to build them yourself. Crowell $2 **728.7**

Designed to enable the reader to build a camp with his own hands, the book is also helpful to any one planning a new summer camp or cottage, giving detailed information about every step in the process of construction and advice as to site and materials. Includes working drawings and several plans by the architect-author.

Literature

De La Mare, Walter. Behold, this dreamer! Knopf $4.50 **828**

Poetry and prose associated with sleep, with dream, with fantasy and imagination, with the unconscious and with death have been gleaned in a rich harvest by Walter de la Mare from many delightful and diverse sources. A welcome and rewarding anthology, with a lucid, reflective introduction revelatory of de la Mare's own experience and thought. Indexes of authors, plays and works in prose and of first lines of poems.

†Krutch, J. W. The American drama since 1918. Random House $2.50 **812**

One of America's leading dramatic critics has written "an informal history" and critical evaluation of playwriting in America since the World War. Believing that the "most fruitful discussion is in terms of imagination and literary form," the author analyzes discriminatingly most of the important plays of Sidney Howard, George Kelly, Eugene O'Neill, George Kaufman, George Abbott, Philip Barry, S. N. Behrman, R. E. Sherwood, Elmer Rice, Clifford Odets, Maxwell Anderson and others. Index.

Montaigne, M. E. de. Living thoughts of Montaigne; presented by André Gide. (Living thoughts lib.) Longmans $1 **844**

Following an introduction by André Gide, Montaigne's essays appear in a selection from John Florio's translation which represents the essence of his thought. Frontispiece woodcut portrait. End papers "present in graphic form the philosopher's life, background and influence on later writers."

Other books already published in this series are *Schopenhauer* by Thomas Mann, *Thoreau* by Theodore Dreiser, *Tolstoi* by Stefan Zweig, *Darwin* by Julian Huxley, *Rousseau* by Romain Rolland, *Nietzsche* by Heinrich Mann, *Mazzini* by Ignazio Silone, *Marx* by Leon Trotsky, *Voltaire* by André Maurois, *Spinoza* by Arnold Zweig.

†Warner, F. L. Amateur's holiday. Houghton $1.50 **818**

At a Christmas day celebration in a summer cottage on the New Jersey coast the good cheer, good food, good fellowship, and the music, orchestral and vocal, of the devoted amateurs of the group, made the house party festive and memorable, and the happiness of the guests is reflected in the author's informal and spirited record.

History

†Abend, Hallett. Chaos in Asia. Washburn $3 **951**

Mr Abend, who has been the chief *New York Times* correspondent in China for 13 years, writes in an unbiased, forceful and revealing way of what is happening behind the scenes in the China-Japanese conflict, of Japanese motives and methods, of Japan's anti-foreignism and of conditions in North China, Shanghai, Canton and elsewhere in China. Personal observations and relevant anecdotes contribute not only to the book's interest but also support the author's conclusions that the "ingrained arrogance" of the Japanese is the greatest obstacle to their success as administrators. Index.

Antonius, George. The Arab awakening. Lippincott $3 **953**

Important reference volume and a timely survey which recounts the history of the Arab National Movement from the beginning, 100 years ago, down to the present. The author, an Arab and a citizen of Palestine, while approaching the subject from the Arab angle, also approaches it in a spirit of fairness and objectivity using both Arab and Western sources in his study, which includes the present troubles in Palestine. Five maps. Documents in appendixes. Index.

†Commager, H. S. & Nevins, Allan, *eds.* Heritage of America. Little $4; sch. ed. $2.40 **973**

A selection of first-hand personal narratives of broad human interest, whose writers range from presidents to pioneers, from millionaires to mule drivers, from admirals to aviators, all of whom have helped to make history. Arranged in chronological sections, with helpful editorial introductions, they illustrate how richly multiform, how full of adventure, drama and color this history has been. Adapted from *Introduction.* Bibliography. Index.

Lussu, Emilio. Sardinian brigade; tr. from the Italian by Marion Rawson. Knopf $2.50 **940.48**

The tragic drama of war, seen through the eyes of a thoroughly humane officer who served with the famous Italian "Sassari brigade" during the first World War. A pertinent document for the present day, written with distinction and telling the searing truth about life at the front with its hardships and moments of relaxation, and the dangers not alone from the enemies' fire but also from the ineptness and ruthlessness of high commanding officers.

Thompson, H. W. Body, boots and britches. Lippincott $3.50 **974.7**

Folklore, in verse and prose, of upstate New York, woven into entertaining chapters by the compiler, under such headings as Injun-fighters, Heroes of tall tales, Tricksters and retorts, Whalers, Canawlers, Lumbermen and rafters, Warriors, Colonial and revolutionary, Ballad lovers, Murderers, Place names, Proverbs. Map on end papers showing the locations of some of the tales, legends and ballads. Sources of material acknowledged in appendix. Index.

†Wellman, P. I. The trampling herd. Carrick $3 **978**

A comprehensive, readable survey of the changing history of the cattle range from the time the Spaniards in-

troduced to the New World, in the sixteenth century, the Andalusian breed of cattle which produced the longhorn of the West, to the present day of innovation and modernity. Map on end papers. Sketches by F. Miller. Reading list. Index.

Description and travel

Birkeland, Joran. Birchland. Dutton $2.50 **914.81**

An American woman of Norwegian descent goes on a pilgrimage to Norway to become acquainted with her relatives and to arrive at an understanding with her own heredity. Much of the Norwegian way of living and of the spirit of Norway is revealed in an effortless and pleasing way as the author writes of her visits and her traveling experiences.

Bone, Gertrude, *lady.* Days in old Spain. Macmillan $4 **914.6**

Fourteen full-page drawings, and smaller sketches as chapter heads and ends, by the distinguished artist, Muirhead Bone, are a charming addition to the text, which, through Gertrude Bone's word-pictures, forms a colorful mosaic of the old Spain observed at different seasons and on various journeys of the author and the artist before the ruin of the Civil War. Handsome in format. Map on end papers. Footnotes, index.

Burbank, Addison. Guatemala profile. Coward $3.50 **917.28**

The author-artist, on a many months' visit to Guatemala, found the country endlessly interesting and picturesque. With spirit and zest he tells of his indefatigable journeyings to coffee fincas, to tropical Indian villages, to crowded bazaars, and describes the color and diversity of amazing Indian costumes, the infinite variety of their markets, weaving into his account his own personal experiences in cities and remote districts. Many attractive sketches. Glossary, index.

†*Four keys to Guatemala* by Vera Kelsey and L. deJ. Osborne (Funk $3 **917.28**) contains a store of knowledge for the tourist and for reference use about the past and present of the three civilizations that exist side by side in Guatemala today, Indian, Spanish and the modern and progressive. Guidebook facts about towns and villages are included and there is concise information in regard to climate, topography, birds, butterflies and vegetation. Road map and many photographs. Bibliography. Index.

†**Crow, Carl.** Chinese are like that. Harper $3 **915.1**

The author writes amusingly and appreciatively of the Chinese "mode of life and attitude of mind." His shrewd comments, based on personal observation, range in topic from such attributes as adaptability, perseverance, tolerance, ribaldry and love of beauty, to business competition, sanitation, fuel economy, the servants' "squeeze," and hours of work.

†**Holdridge, Desmond.** Northern lights. Viking Press $2.75 **917.19**

Determined to negotiate the length of the Labrador coast under sail, the author, when very young and inexperienced, bought a 30-foot schooner and, with two older men as crew and his vessel only half equipped, accomplished his purpose. The voyage with the struggles against odds of every sort is made very real in this account written years after the event. Frequent pen and ink drawings by Edward Shenton.

†**Jaques,** *Mrs* **F. P.** The geese fly high. Univ. of Minnesota Press $3 **917.3**

Another delightful collaboration by the author and the illustrator of *Canoe country* (1938 Univ. of Minnesota Press $2.50). With humor and charm and fine graphic discrimination are described incidents of travel and observations of ducks and wild geese on a winter vacation beginning in the marshes of Minnesota and culminating at the Rainey Wild Life Sanctuary, in Louisiana, a strange land of half submerged loveliness. Drawings by F. L. Jaques.

†**Lengyel, Emil.** The Danube. Random House $3.75 **914.96**

In following the Danube from its source in the Black Forest to its delta in the Black Sea, Lengyel, well-informed and at ease with his subject, encompasses past and present history in a swift survey, pausing now and then for colorful descriptions of cities and people of note. Attractive in format, with map on end papers, and photographs. Index.

†**McGuire, Paul.** Australia, her heritage, her future. Stokes $3.50 **919.4**

A native of Australia, the journalist author is thoroughly familiar with the country in all its phases. He has traveled the land over and knows its physical aspects, its cities, industries, resources, history, problems and the character of the people. His notably readable style and pleasing sense of humor blend with acute perception and independence of interpretation to produce a book of vivid and exceptional interest. Generously illustrated with photographs. Index.

†**Nixon, Larry.** American vacations. Little $2.25 **917.3**

The informal manner of presentation which marked *Vagabond voyaging* (1938 Little $2.25) appears again in this companion volume on American vacations "at the prices you can afford to pay." Each chapter is devoted to a different type of vacation — hiking, dude ranching, camping, water vacations etc. Appendixes offer valuable data and list sources of further information. Eibliography.

Thompson, Flora. Lark Rise. Oxford Univ. Press $3.50 **914.2**

The author's golden memories of a happy childhood in a little Oxfordshire village in the '80's and '90's re-create the pattern of life of the poor agricultural laborers who were her neighbors and who with dignified independence "managed" on ten shillings a week. The whole social scene is portrayed with great charm as she recalls the parts played in community life by the "pub," the school, the rector's daughter and the church, as well as the attitudes of the villagers toward birth, death and illegitimacy.

Biography

Caroline, consort of George II. **Quennell, Peter.** Caroline of England. Viking Press $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

Brilliant portrait-study of Caroline, wife of George II of England, showing this diplomatic and self-restrained woman, in coalition with Robert Walpole, the Prime Minister, dominating her irascible, unfaithful yet devoted husband and joining him in his quarrels with their eldest son. The narrative, sparkling with racy, contemporary quotations, does much to illumine the quality of the period and the character of such individuals as Walpole, Chesterfield, Lord and Lady Hervey, Pope and Swift. Portraits. Index.

†**Chase, M. E.** A goodly fellowship. Macmillan $2.50 **B** *or* **92**

The author of that notable book *A goodly heritage* (1932 Holt $3) now writes of her student and teaching experiences which range from rural and private schools to university and college, particularly Smith College where she is professor of English. Her delight in teaching and in people, her philosophy of life, her humor and her candor combine to make these recollections stimulating and memorable.

†**Ewen, David.** Men and women who make music. Crowell $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Portrayals of 15 great interpreters of music — violinists, pianists, conductors, singers, 14 of whom are "at the present time the bone and marrow of musical life in America." The emphasis is on the biographical and personal but the studies are noteworthy also for their enthusiastic and yet discriminatingly critical appraisals of the art and technic of each virtuoso. Photographs. Index.

Fingall, Elizabeth, *countess of.* Seventy years young; memories told to Pamela Hinkson. Dutton $5 **B** *or* **92**

A charming, gay and vital personality emerges from these memoirs as the author recaptures the magic of the world of social life in Ireland and England before the World War and the Irish troubles. There are frank and fascinating pen portraits of the wit, beauty and brains to be met in London and Dublin in those vanished days and on the 800-year-old estate to which Lord Fingall brought his bride, a mere slip of a girl. Photographs.

Flexner, J. T. America's old masters. Viking Press $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, four American boys, Benjamin West, John Singleton Copley, Charles Willson Peale and Gilbert Stuart rose above the obscure craftsmen in the Colonies and became famous artists who gave American art "its first stature in the world." A picturesque evocation of these amazing individuals and their equally amazing careers

which affords an idea of their work without attempting esthetic evaluation. There are 33 reproductions of paintings. Bibliography. Index.

†**Keith, A. N.** Land below the wind. (Atlantic Monthly Press bks) Little $3 **B** *or* **92**

In this record of four years in North Borneo as the wife of an Englishman connected with government service, the American author is equally fascinating whether commenting on the high adventure of extended trips into the jungle or describing her own plight when ingloriously dispirited by the rains, mud, insect bites and fatigue or gaily recounting the vagaries of native help or the ways of the animals given the freedom of the house as pets. Sketches. Map on end papers.

Kelley, F. C. The bishop jots it down. Harper $3 **B** *or* **92**

A poor boy on Prince Edward Island, Francis Kelley felt called to the priesthood. Writing informally and in sprightly fashion and with a generous sprinkling of humorous anecdotes, as Bishop of Oklahoma he tells of his early struggles, of the men who helped him, his years as a country pastor, the growth of his plan for the Catholic Church Extension Society, the use of chapels on wheels, on to his work at the Peace Conference and to his appointment as bishop. Photographs. Index.

Kelly, *Mrs* **F. F.** Flowing stream. Dutton $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

Back in the 1880's, the author, a venturesome but "raw, green girl of the Kansas prairies," determined to become a newspaper woman. This is the vivid story of her "great and thrilling experience" from the days when, in one part of the country or another, she financed herself on a shoestring, to her 30 years with the *New York Times Book Review.* In later chapters, the part women have played in the making of newspapers and the evolution of newspapers in America are touched upon. Portrait. Index.

†*Lincoln.* **Sandburg, Carl.** Abraham Lincoln, the war years. 4v. Harcourt $20 **B** *or* **92**

With these four volumes, an exhaustive and outstanding study of the life and times of Lincoln, begun in *Abraham Lincoln, the prairie years,* (1926 Harcourt 2v. $10; 2v. in one, slightly abridged $4.75) has been completed. Based upon the most extensive research, rich in contemporary quotation, and illustrated with a superb collection of 414 half-tone photographs and 249 reproductions of cartoons, letters and documents. Index at end of volume four.

Mitsui. **Russell, O. D.** House of Mitsui. Little $4 **B** *or* **92**

Absorbing chronicle of the growth of a famous family dynasty which from early in the seventeenth century has been in the vanguard of nearly every important commercial and financial development of Japan. Of great wealth, and of political and financial prestige, the Mitsuis have been closely linked with the history of Japan up to the present, a fact which enlarges the scope of the book and makes it timely and pertinent. Photographs and a colored frontispiece.

Mora, Constancia de la. In place of splendor. Harcourt $3 **B** *or* **92**

Born a member of the Spanish aristocracy and granddaughter of a prime minister, the author writes vividly of her prisonlike, stiff, formal existence, both as a child and after her debut and unhappy marriage. In 1931, she embarked on a new life of independence, turned Republican and married again. When the Civil War came, she was head of the foreign press bureau and her husband, chief of the Republican air forces. At once an intimate evocation of this woman's character and experiences and an engrossing inside record of the war from the Loyalist viewpoint.

Partridge, S. S. **Partridge, Bellamy.** Country lawyer. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Actual incidents taken from a half-century of the widely ranging practice of an upstate New York country lawyer. The author, the lawyer's son, re-creates, with easy felicity and humor, various aspects of small town life and character.

Thoreau. **Canby, H. S.** Thoreau. Houghton $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

A thoughtful, gracefully written reinterpretation of Thoreau's life and

character for this generation. The author stresses that the importance of "this poet naturalist, would-be lover, home-bred philosopher and dynamic individualist" lies entirely in what he wrote, not in what he did, and that he "will be remembered . . . as a maker of magnificent prose but scarcely as a poet, and as a protagonist of man against the state as often as a historian of the environment of the *genus homo* in Concord." Sixteen illustrations. Notes. Selected bibliography. Index.

Untermeyer, Louis. From another world; autobiography. Harcourt $3
B *or* **92**

Less an autobiography than an illumination of the American literary scene in the first third of the twentieth century, Untermeyer, business man, critic, poet and anthologist presents, with insight and flashes of wit, his recollections and portrayals of such well-known writers as Max Eastman, Amy Lowell, Sara Teasdale, Vachel Lindsay, Elinor Wylie, Rockwell Kent and many others, as well as his early experiences in helping to run the radical magazines, the *Masses* and *Liberator*. Index.

Fiction

Asch, Shalom. The Nazarene; tr. by Maurice Samuel. Putnam $2.75

In this vivid and powerful picture of the Roman and Jewish Palestinian world, Jesus, the Jewish rabbi, is portrayed with profound reverence and intensity of emotion. He is envisaged from three points of view, first by Cornelius, Roman military governor of Jerusalem, again in a fragment of a "discovered" gospel, supposedly written by Judas Iscariot and, lastly and most fully and movingly, by a student of Nicodemus the Pharisee. An exceedingly ambitious work, involving the mystical reincarnation of the narrators in Poland today.

Ducharme, Jacques. The Delusson family. Funk $2.50

In order to give their children an education and make an easier life for them, Jean Baptiste Delusson and his wife, Cecile, courageously leave their Quebec farm for the American city of Holyoke in the 1870's, where work in the mills offers good wages. A quiet evocation of the life of this French Canadian family through the years, the father and mother prospering and growing in wisdom, the children molding their own lives yet closely united as a group.

Fuller, Iola (Iola Fuller Goodspeed). The loon feather. Harcourt $2.50

The great and wise Ojibway warrior, Tecumseh, went from tribe to tribe year in, year out, urging union against the treaty-breaking Americans until early in the nineteenth century he was killed in battle. Stranded on the island of Mackinac, Tecumseh's only child, Aneta, is adopted by the Frenchman, Pierre, and in this, her own story, are revealed not only the turbulent activities around the fort and the Astor trading post, with voyageurs coming and going and the Indians awaiting gold for their lost lands, but also her part in the life of the island, where she proves that she is indeed the daughter of Tecumseh in wisdom and courage.

†Goudge, Elizabeth. Sister of the angels. Coward $1.50

A glowing Christmas tale whose scene is the cathedral close in Torminster, "City of bells." Here is enacted a surprising and exciting little drama, having to do with the restoration of a hidden chapel and imbued throughout with the ideals, sentiment and spirit of Christmas.

Hackett, Francis. Queen Anne Boleyn. Doubleday $2.75

Historical novel, based on research yet impregnated with the author's psychological intuition concerning the character of Anne Boleyn and her tense, proud life as she accepts the powerful Henry with her reason rather than her heart, fights her enemies, and conquers as long as Henry loves her.

Harris, *Mrs* **B. K.** Purslane. Univ. of North Carolina Press $2.50

The activities, the pleasures and sorrows, traditions, superstitions and ways of speech of a little community of North Carolina farmers, described with singular success. The interest centers chiefly in staunch, hard-working John and Dele and their boy Calvin, in love with Milly who is spirited away by her parents to prevent a marriage which they consider beneath her.

Henriques, Robert. No arms, no armour. Farrar $2.50

Tubby Windrush, second lieutenant in the British army, as a typical English soldier has always accepted life at its surface value. How he is brought to a consciousness of life's complexities and deeper meanings through the effects of a painful accident, his friendships with two unusual men, and his experiences of love, losses, loneliness and danger, is related in a story which is thoughtful, moving and absorbing. The settings are England and the Sudan.

†Hough, F. O. If not victory. Carrick $2.50

Through the experiences of Abe, a Quaker farm boy, who becomes one of the Westchester County Guides in the fight against the British in the Revolutionary War, this engrossing historical novel throws a searching light over many vital problems, from those of the individual, confused, and torn by conflicting loyalties, to the plight of the poor helpless farmers caught on the Neutral Ground of Westchester county, New York, between the campaigning armies, and looted and plundered by lawless gangs of "cowboys" and "skinners." Map on end papers.

Huxley, Elspeth. Red strangers. Harper $2.50

As nearly as possible, this absorbing story is presented through the minds and lives of a native East African family in their intricate relationships, rites and ceremonies both before the coming of "the red strangers" and also in their bewildered efforts to live in the changed conditions brought about by the Europeans who have a more powerful magic than they and so can not be driven away. Photographs.

Kalashnikoff, Nicholas. They that take the sword—. Harper $3

Early in the 1900's a boy runs away from his home in Siberia, falls in with some young Russian revolutionaries and becomes a terrorist. At once thoughtful and analytical, the narrative, a human document wide in scope and in knowledge of conditions within the Socialist Revolutionist party, carries the boy and his many comrades along into the World War and the revolution, in which they risk their lives frequently, but are thrilled to find themselves alive and able to go on working and falling in love and planning new activities.

†Lancaster, Bruce, & Brentano, Lowell. Bride of a thousand cedars. Stokes $2.50

Vivacious Sally Cottrell has long tried to put some animation into her lazily placid father, who, like most Bermudians, is content with a makeshift existence and the traditions of his ancestors. Along comes the Civil War in the States and it is the purpose of this romantically inclined historical novel to depict not only the change wrought in sleepy Bermuda when blockade runners bring in trade from the Confederacy, but also Sally's part in events and the course of her love for an adventurous British blockade runner.

Lawrence, Josephine. But you are young. Little $2.50

How pretty young Kelsie, a manicurist, is called upon, during the years of the depression, to sacrifice her own hopes and desires in order to keep the roof over the heads of her unemployed father and brother and the rest of the unhappy, complaining family is the core of a vividly sketched story. The contrast between Kelsie and her prosperous married brother and sister, who, safely out of the family predicament, refuse to lift a finger to help, poses, not without humor and irony, a nice question concerning family responsibilities.

Lin Yu-t'ang. Moment in Peking. Day $3

Changing manners and ideas, changing political and military conditions, observed as they affect a large upper-class Chinese family and its connections by marriage or liaison, friendship or work, from the time of their flight from the Boxers in 1900, to the flight of the family from the Japanese in 1938. A vital, absorbing yet leisurely novel, written with understanding and wisdom.

Llewellyn, Richard. How green was my valley. Macmillan $2.75

Life in a Welsh colliery town from the good days when the men came home singing and laughing to throw their

wages, golden sovereigns, into the laps of their waiting wives, through years of increasing injustice and strife when men knew the teeth of fear and women mourned for their sons who left the valley to seek a living in foreign lands. Written with deep feeling, integrity and an awareness of the beauty as well as the bitterness in life, and of the solace and peace of unspoiled mountain and valley.

Masefield, John. Live and kicking Ned. Macmillan $2.50

The young eighteenth century doctor of *Dead Ned* (1938 Macmillan $2.50), having been hanged for a murder he did not commit, is resuscitated and flees to further troubles and horrors aboard an evil slaver. His perilous adventures on the African coast and inland as an active leader in the midst of white men beleaguered by savage tribes bring him, at last full circle, and very much alive, back to England to friends and fortune and exoneration.

†**Nordhoff, C. B. & Hall, J. N.** No more gas. (Atlantic Monthly Press bks) Little $2.50

The improvident, irresponsible Tuttle clan of Tahiti, in whose veins New England blood is intermingled with Polynesian, lives happily in a rambling, ramshackle dwelling, always expectant that the next cockfight or fishing trip will pay for their lavish hospitality or buy the needed gasoline. How fate changes the fortunes of this lovable but exasperating group and how, characteristically, they react to prosperity forms the poignant climax of this entertaining tale.

Priestley, J. B. Let the people sing. Harper $2.50

Timmy Tiverton, a once famous English comedian, now sadly down and out, unexpectedly finds himself fleeing from the law and decides "it is better to be wanted by the police than by nobody at all." An extravaganza in a happy vein in which Timmy, an erudite Czech professor and a beautiful girl, joining forces with a traveling auctioneer and showman, waken the sleepy village of Dunbury whose town hall, where once the people sang, is in danger of being turned into a museum or a factory's exhibit room.

River, W. L. The Torguts. Stokes $2.50

Imaginative re-creation of the tragic migration from the Volga river to the Tian Shan mountains in China, of the Torgut Mongol horde in flight from Russian tyranny in 1771. Full of interesting detail concerning the Torguts, their way of life, government, and their culture of flocks and herds.

Seppänen, Unto. Sun and storm; tr. by K. C. Kaufman. Bobbs $2.50

Markku, a poor Finn, decides with the coming of the railroad in 1870, to go trading in St Petersburg that he may thrive at home on the farm. To this end he rules the lives of his sons and dependents, precipitating catastrophes, though the farm flourishes. Interwoven with the history of Finland, the narrative surges along, full of strife and conflict, the individuals finely limned, with their problems solved sometimes in bitterness and cruelty, more rarely with grace and love.

Walmsley, Leo. Love in the sun. Doubleday $2.50

A young Yorkshireman, to extricate himself and the girl he loves from an intolerable situation, finds an isolated Cornish cove and a dilapidated army hut and there, like a couple of shipwrecked mariners, the lovers set about making their sanctuary shipshape as they courageously carry on a hand-to-mouth existence. The zest with which they build and fish and garden and the intensity of their hopes and fears, whether for the success of the man's writing or for the needed money to make this Garden of Eden their own, are infectiously carried over into this chronicle of love and work.

Whitehorne, Earl. Supercargo. Funk $2.50

In the 1860's an unidentified sailing ship, blood-stained and battered, is found drifting near Japan, her hold full of starving Chinese coolies. While the coolies are forced to admit to mutiny and murder, it is only later that the record is completed through the chronicle of a young American who had joined the vessel as supercargo and had, alone of the white men, survived. A gripping, exciting yarn, of the American's perilous months attempting to

control the quarreling coolies, his final escape and their ultimate fate. Map on end papers.

Young, F. B. The city of gold. Reynal $2.75

John Grafton, who in *They seek a country* (1937 Reynal $2.75) joined in the great Boer trek, has long been settled on Wonderfontein, a 6000-acre farm in the Transvaal. Full of vitality and shedding authentic light on the years before the Jameson raid, the narrative concentrates on John's sons, strongly differentiated in their inclinations, one deeply involved in Boer politics and fighting for nationalization, another, interested in wealth, looks to the British to extend their control, while yet another goes off with a Peruvian Jew to try his luck in the gold fields.

Mystery and detective stories

Ambler, Eric. A coffin for Dimitrios Knopf $2

Carr, J. D. (Carr Dickson, Carter Dickson, *pseuds.*) Problem of the wire cage. Harper $2

Day-Lewis, Cecil. (Nicholas Blake *pseud.*) Smiler with the knife. Harper $2

Huxley, Elspeth. African poison murders. Harper $2

Marsh, Ngaio. Death at the bar. Little $2

Propper, M. M. Hide the body! Harper $2

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